India were impounded at various ports in West Germany;

(c) whether the West German Government is agreeable to exempt the leather garments treated with pentachlorophenol prior to 23rd December, 1989; and

(d) if so, whether Government have issued any direction to the Central Leather Research Institute to issue certificates to the exporters showing that the leather garments were treated with pentachlorophenol prior to 23rd December, 1989 without high testing charges.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN) : (a) to d) A Decree was issued in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) on 22-12-1989 banning import of all product, unless otherwise specified under special dispensation, containing Pentachlorophenol (PCP) beyond stipulated limits under Hazardous Sustance Act with effect from 23-3-1990. It is understood that the Federal Health Agency (BGA) in the FRG had evidence that products treated with PCP were injurious to health and environment. Upon intervention by the Government of India, the FRG authorities granted dispensation for import of leather & leather products, including leather garments that had been treated with PCP before the date of the Decree. This dispensation was available till 30th June, 1990.

Appropriate measures have been initiated by the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Madras for testing and certification of PCP and for dissemination of information to the exporters. Assistance of FRG authorities has also been sought in regard to procurement of testing equipment, specifying testing procedures and training of personnels in testing.

The Council for Leather Exports (CLE), Madras has reported that no hold up of consignment in West Germany has been reported by its members.

Ban on recruitments in State and Central Governments

@3385. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had issued any instructions to the State Governments to *stop* recruitment in all the Departments barring the Health Department and the schools;

(b) whether the ban on appointment to Central Government Departments is continuing; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to realise the right to work for all the unemployed in view of the existence of ban on recruitments ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No ban as such was imposed on recruitment to Central Government Departments. As an economy measure, Ministries/Departments of the Government of India were advised in January, 1984, not to fill up existing vacancies. Modified guidelines regarding filling up of vacancies were issued in May/July, 1986. According to the revised guidelines, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions, vacancies in Government Departments, both plan and non-plan, arising due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal/removal or deputation can now be filled up.

Drilling Machines to combat drought

@@3386. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
SHRI BEKAL UTSHAI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether powerful drilling machines for drilling deep tube-wells for drinking water have been received from foreign countries to combat drought in the country;

(b) if so, the States to which such machines have been allotted; and

(c) the criteria laid down for the purpose ?

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2345, transferred from 28th August, 1990.

@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2783, transferred from 31st August, 1990.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Six drilling rigs were received as gift from the Government of USSR, under a Protocol signed in October, 1987, for construction of tubewells in drought affected States.

(b) Presently, these machines have been deployed in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh for construction of tubewells in the drought affected areas.

(c) No specific criteria has been laid down by the Government for deployment of these machines.

Implementation of IInd Area Development Project in Orissa with U.K. assistance

3387. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for the implementation of the IInd Area Development Project with assistance from the U.K.;

(b) if so, the number of districts to be covered by the Project and the cost of the project; and

(c) what action has been taken by Central Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Insurance of Cargoes meant for U.S.A. with the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation

3388. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to rise in the incidence of bankruptcy among US companies Indian exporters are facing difficulties in getting their payments;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 13% of the cargoes exported to the United States were insured with the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation in 1989; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to impress upon the Indian exporters to get their consignments insured ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) While there is rise in the incidence of bankrupting of US Companies, this has not had any appreciable impact on Indian Exporters.

(b) In the year 1988-89, 14.35% of the cargoes exported to the USA were insured with Export Credit Guarantee Corporation.

(c) The following steps have been taken :—

(1) In order to caution Indian exporters, advertisements have been issued in various newspapers and magazines.

(2) Seminars and workshops are organised for the benefit of exporters.

(3) Need for export credit insurance as a protection against increasing incidence of bankruptcies is emphasised in various fora.

Demand for removal of Ceiling on Export of Cotton Yarn by Textile Spinning Industry in South

3389. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the textile spinning industry in South has demanded removal of the ceiling on export of cotton yarn;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to encourage export of value added yarn instead of exporting cotton ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) There have been representations from various sectors for increasing